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**STAFFORD COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS**  
**HIGHLIGHTS OF SCHOOL BOARD MEETING**  
**October 12, 2004**

**Dr. Jean S. Murray, Superintendent**

**Patricia Healy, Chairman**

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**CONSENT AGENDA**

The School Board approved:

- The minutes of the September 28, 2004, meeting
- Overnight field trip requests from Brooke Point High School's Latin Club and North Stafford High School's wrestling team.

**INFORMATION ITEMS**

The School Board received information on the following:

- An update on the project design schedule for the middle school 2006 Northeast in Widewater.
- The proposed attendance zone recommendation for the Mountain View High school. The information on the proposed attendance zones may be found viewed at 31 Stafford Avenue or on the school division website at <http://www.pen.k12.va.us/Div/Stafford/SchoolBoard/Agenda/SBM0304/SBM101204/4B.pdf>.
- The proposed Matching Retirement Savings Plan for part-time employees.
- The Instruction and Technology Department Initiatives for 2004-2005, "Leadership for Learning."
- The Calendar Committee process and certain issues regarding the 2005-2006 school year calendar.
- An agenda to submit to the Board of Supervisors for consideration for a joint School Board/Board of Supervisors Summit.
- An update to the Value Engineering Study effort to conduct a value engineering study for Stafford County public schools' middle school prototype.
- An update on project bid status for the construction of sidewalk improvements (pedestrian walkways) at three schools (Kate Waller Barrett and Park Ridge Elementary schools and H.H. Poole Middle School).

**AWARDS**

Crystal Renee Chapman of North Stafford High School was recognized for a third place finish at the State Fair of Virginia Youth Arts and Crafts Competition

**CITIZEN COMMENTS**

The following citizens presented comments:

- Larry Moser representing parents from the Autumn Ridge Subdivision provided comments on the proposed attendance zone redistricting plan for 2005.

**REPORT OF THE SCHOOL BOARD**

- Mr. Villacres presenting information on the school board's legislative agenda. Items included the hold-harmless issue to ensure that any increase in state funding isn't removed from local funding and the cost to compete issue.
- Mr. Villacres' nomination to run for the regional chairman position of the VSBA Regional Officer Team was supported by the school board.
- Mr. Villacres' will host a Town Hall meeting on October 13 at Park Ridge Elementary School.

- Mrs. Healy requested the superintendent arrange a meeting with Mosely Architects during the School Board's Virginia School Boards Association conference in Williamsburg in November.

## **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Superintendent Murray:

- Presented information regarding the Clean School Bus USA Program.
- Announced that his was "Read Aloud to a Child Week" and shared The Animal School with the school board. She stressed that Stafford County is a school system that is meeting the needs of every child in every classroom every day.
- Announced that the elementary school in Leeland Station is on target with TRC approval expected this week and the building permit expected within the next three weeks.
- Relayed that the Homeland Security alert levels have become more targeted and Stafford County may review field trip policies and may be able to permit field trips to some areas.
- Announced the Youth Driver Task Force report will be presented to the Board of Supervisors on October 19. On October 26, the Task Force chairman will present the report to the School Board.

## **ACTION ITEMS**

The School Board approved:

- The contract for \$51,769 for intrusion and fire alarm services to SimplexGrinnell effective November 1, 2004, through June 30, 2005.
- The revisions to Policy 4-21—Sale, Exchange or Lease of Property.
- An easement and right-of-way to Northern Virginia Electric Cooperative for the installation of electrical cables, streetlights and poles for the access road and parking lots at the new Mountain View High School.

***NEXT MEETING: October 26, 2004, 7:00 p.m.  
Alvin York Bandy School Administrative Complex  
6:00 p.m. Middle School/High School Teacher Roundtable***

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